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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 8, 1999 in which 37-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Please insert the following at p. 1, line 1: This application is a continuation of Serial No.

C1
08/880,855 filed June 23, 1997, which is a continuation-in part of Serial No. 08/842,842 filed April 16, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,843,678.--

In the claims:

C2
37. (amended) A method of inhibiting bone resorption [treating bone disease] in a mammal comprising administering a modulator of an osteoprotegerin binding protein, wherein the modulator is an antibody or fragment thereof which binds an osteoprotegerin binding protein.

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